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1. The amendment filed on 13 October 2005 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

- a) entered.
- b) entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.
- c) disapproved because the amendment was filed after the payment of the issue fee.
Any amendment filed after the date the issue fee is paid must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(1) and the required fee to withdraw the application from issue.
- d) disapproved. See explanation below.
- e) entered in part. See explanation below.

The original claim language "said internal node" was understood to be the recited "first node" in line 2. The new language would be indefinite as it is inconsistent with the specification in that the "output portion" is disclosed as being responsive to the "first node". The new would language would be further indefinite as such would render the "output portion" unconnected to the remainder of the circuit.



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